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Sequel to Plastic Hearts...

Can a relationship survive on love alone? Is love truly enough?

Dane and Alex's relationship has never been easy, but now they have a fresh start without the pressures of Alex's family. Together they try to move forward while continuing to struggle with a past that they can't seem to escape.

Sometimes no matter how hard we try to make things work, love isn't enough.

Sometimes even after a broken heart is mended, cracks remain, and the same doubts and insecurities that once yanked us apart seep in.

Can true love hold Dane and Alex together or will their hearts completely shatter like glass?

Glass Hearts Details

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From Reader Review Glass Hearts for online ebook

Tracey (Life and Literature) says

He's damaged and broken, but I can put him back together. Piece by piece, I'll put him back together.

Glass Hearts is book two in the hearts series and picks up exactly where book one ended. Alex is moving into Dane's apartment after having gotten back together following their separation. What's really clear right from the start is how much Alex and Dane love each other. Crazy, can't keep their hands off each other, madly desperately in love!!

While I really liked book one, I enjoyed this book so much more. It wasn't as long as the first book and I felt that it just flowed a lot more smoothly. It was angsty, and hot and heartbreaking and even frustrating at times. But above all of that it was an incredibly awesome read!!

Dane Wright is going to be the death of me. Death from orgasm? Death from swooning? I'm not sure which one will kill me first, but it's bound to happen some day.

I loved Dane in Plastic Hearts but I fell in love with him even more this time around. Crazy, in love with him!! One of the best things about this book is that it's told from the point of view of both Alex and Dane and so we got to really get a much better feel for Dane as a character. We knew he had a past that he's not proud of but in this book we really get to see how broken he is. We get to experience his pain and his belief that he's not really worthy of Alex. But by being in his head, we also get to feel how much he loves Alex. How passionate he is about her. And how tortured he is at times.

She owns me. She completely and totally owns me.

I liked Alex in book one, but I didn't love her. I thought she had moments of being whiny and selfish and lacked backbone. However in Glass Hearts I think we have a much more mature and grown up Alex. She's become a girl who is much more comfortable in her skin now that she's out from underneath the stifling relationship with her Mum and Dad.

But just because Alex and Dane are back together and deeply in love, doesn't mean that things run smoothly for the two of them. Dane's family play a much bigger part in this book and we really get to see the impact that their behaviour has on Dane and in turn on Alex. After some initial bumps in the road, Alex is determined to show Dane that he is worthy of her love and that she is in for the long haul.

And what an absolutely perfect ending!! I was so happy to hear that the author has two stories to come featuring two of the other characters from The Hearts series. I can't wait to read them!!! Lisa De Jong writes a really awesome males point of view and I have my fingers crossed that she writes a lot more of it in the future!!

4.5/5 Sexy Dane Stars!!

Annette Dellosa says

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Can Dane get any sexier? I'm in love with him. Like seriously. *sighs*

This couple is my Alex Riley and Dane Wright.

So for obvious reasons, I can't seem to move on from *Plastic Hearts*. Although the story has a cliché plot, it's the writing style and the characters I love the most. *ahem* Dane. Lisa writes Dane's character very well. He isn't boring nor blunt. He is vulnerable and sensitive and independent. Even though the book is written in Alex's POV, I can still feel for Dane. And that is why I admire him most in the book. Now, I just have this giddy feeling. You know the one when you get excited because there's a sequel and you can't wait for it to come out? Yeah, that's what I'm talking about. I hope Lisa reads this pre-review and gives us a sneak-peek of *Glass Hearts*.

Now back to day-dreaming..

Christy says

4.5 stars!!!

'Glass Hearts' starts off where 'Plastic Hearts' ended. If you haven't read book one in this series, there may be some small spoilers in this review.

Can a relationship survive on love alone? Is love truly enough?

Dane and Alex haven't had an easy relationship. Not at all. But Alex has given up everything she once thought was important to be with Dane. Her family's approval, money etc. Dane is ecstatic to have Alex back, but it's still new. He's not sure if he can trust her to stay if the going gets rough, and for good reason. Alex will do anything to prove to Dane she will stay, even if the going gets rough.

'I'm not going to leave you, especially when you need me most.'

Dane has a lot going on in this book. I loved getting glimpses into his past- that prologue broke my heart. Not only is Dane a recovering addict himself, but he has to deal with his brother, Nolan, who is addicted. Dane just wants him to get help. Dane realizes you can only help someone as much as they'll let you. Alex wants to help- but all she can do is be there for him, love him, help him heal.

He's damaged and broken, but I can put him back together. Piece by piece, I'll put him back together.

There is some relationship drama in this book (view spoiler), but overall most of the conflict was with Dean and his past/family. Some of Dane's story and his pain just gutted me. I just adore Dane. I'm so happy after his past, he found someone who truly loves him the way he deserves to be loved.

'I'm the man I want to be when I'm with you. I have never loved, and never been loved like I am when I'm with you.'

Dane realizes sometimes, you just have to move on, people can only change if they want to. I hate that he had to go through more tragedy in this book, but he's a strong man. And he has Alex to help him through.

It was nice to see Alex get some closure and healing with her family also. A great conclusion for these two! And that epilogue was just the sweetest thing EVER.

Alex and Dane's stories show that relationships aren't always perfect. They take a lot of work, trust, and love to make it. It's not always an easy ride. I've always loved Dane, but I was so impressed with Alex in this book. She drove me a little bonkers in book one, but she was strong and able to stand up for herself and learn from her past mistakes. The ending was sweet, and I'm looking forward to Jade and Gwen's stories. Jade- I have a feeling about what's going on with her and I can't wait to read about it, and Gwen... am I the ONLY person who is hoping for a Reid/Gwen book? I know Reid wasn't perfect in this story. In fact, he was a bit of an ass, but I still want more of him!!!!

Personally, I enjoyed this book more than the first. I think a large part of that is because we got Dane's pov through half of the book. I love alternating pov's. Overall, I feel like you get so much more out of a story being able to see it from both sides. If you enjoyed Plastic Hearts, you want to pick this up. An emotional and sweet story packed full of steam- Glass Hearts gets 4.5 Stars from me ;D

I realized what true happiness really is. It's about being who you want to be, and surrounding yourself with people who love you while you're doing it. It's about accepting all your flaws and weaknesses and doing the same thing for the person you love.

Aimz says

I am pleased with this ending. It wasn't easy. Family ruins EVERYTHING!

No matter how much you try the past always comes back to haunt you. But love can over come anything if you are willing to work for it.

Jessica's Book Review says

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Glass Hearts is book two in the Hearts Series by Lisa De Jong. I LOVED Plastic Hearts and loved the characters, especially Dane... can we say perfect book boyfriend? He was almost too perfect and I couldn't wait to read Glass Hearts and get into his head for a change to find out what demons he was facing.

Warning, spoilers if you have not read Plastic Hearts

Glass Hearts picks up exactly where Plastic Hearts left off, but this time it is written in both Alex AND Dane's POV! Hooray!! I am so glad Dane's perspective is written this time around! Alex finally has some balls and left her old life behind to be with the man she loves and to major in her passion of Art instead of Premed like her snooty parents wanted to her to. Now on her own financially she has no place to go for the summer and needs a job. Dane being the perfect boyfriend is there for her and the two begin a life together. This time, Dane's past is the cause of the trouble as the two learn to be together and Alex struggles to learn to be independent.

What I loved most about Glass Hearts is Dane stops becoming this make-believe perfect guy and becomes real. He has his past and family he is dealing with in this book and he isn't as amazingly perfect as he was in Plastic Hearts. I actually fell harder for him knowing the real him then I did in the first book. He isn't perfect but that is okay because he knows how to love and loves Alex so much. I also really enjoyed Alex's character so much more. She matured *a lot* once she finally stood up to her parents and became on her own.

The Hearts series is a really fun, yet emotional series I am so glad I was able to read. The story has heart and a book boyfriend like Dane, how can it go wrong?!

I give Glass Hearts (Hearts #2) 4 Stars

ARC provided by the author in return for an honest review.

Lisa De Jong says

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Smitten's Book Blog says

This was a good ending to Dane and Alex's turbulent story. I didn't love this one as much as I loved the first book. But I did enjoy it.

I really really liked *Plastic Hearts* and I kind of felt that there just wasn't as much story to tell in *Glass Hearts*... I found myself flitting in and out of it a little, for the most part of the book. That said, it really picked up at 75% and the last 25% was unputdownable! In fact, I felt like the issues in the last quarter could have been pulled out and delved into in more depth, to fill the entirety of this book.

This is a quick read, so it wasn't like it dragged. I just felt like it was almost an extended epilogue.

It picks up exactly where we left Alex and Dane in *Plastic Hearts*, with the addition of a heartbreaking prologue, in the form of a flashback to Dane's childhood. So, we're put straight back into Dane and Alex's do-over, after their two month split.

They're both hopeful that it will work, as they are thrown into a life of cohabitation, but there are still issues that haven't been dealt with. Both of them have their own doubts and demons to work through. Trust, secrets, their past, their families... they're all obstacles that the couple need to overcome.

Whereas *Plastic Hearts* focused heavily on Alex's problems, with her family, with her new found identity, etc. *Glass Hearts* is predominantly about Dane's skeletons.

I felt, a few times in this book, that the characters totally blew un-eventful situations out of proportion, completely over reacting at times. And, in contrast, I also felt that there were some issues that almost weren't made enough of... the situation with Dane's brother Nolan, felt like it was left a little unresolved, as did the issue with Dane and Alex's boss, Reid, and also Alex's problems with her mother. I just didn't feel like this book was as well thought out as book #1, or had as much depth.

Negatives aside, I did enjoy it. Over all, it was a good ending to Alex and Dane's story and it answered questions that I had after the ending of *Plastic Hearts*. Despite Dane and Alex getting back together at the end of the first book, I wasn't convinced of their solidarity as a couple. This book cemented that and pushed aside any doubts that they may not be able to go the distance.

The ending was super cute. I love Dane. For all his faults, his addictions, his demons, his insecurities, he's a fab book boyfriend.

I felt like his past only made him even more certain about his love for Alex. He's had it bad, and he's had it good... he knows the difference and he knows when to keep hold of a good thing.

And, for no other reason than Alex and Dane go camping, sleep under the stars and have some very hot sexy time in a tent... I just couldn't resist...

I certainly plan to read the other books by this author, as I believe we will also be treated to Alex's sisters story, in which I assume Reid, Alex and Dane's boss, will feature, and also Alex's friend, Jade's story. I look forward to these instalments.

Glass Hearts Statistics

Steam Rating (out of 5): ♥♥♥

Ending: HEA

Series: ✓

Reading Order:

Book #1 - Plastic Hearts (Hearts #1)

Book #2 - Glass Hearts (Hearts #1)

Can this be read as a standalone? No

Themes:

Drug addiction

Second chance

Warning. This book includes...

Sexual content. Drug addiction. Death.

Writing: Good

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seton says

Genre: NA romance, book 2 of 2

Cliffy? No, HEA.

Sensuality: R

I am reviewing Books 1 and 2 together. Please note that some ratings might be different for Bk 1.

I usually respond well to the story of the poor little rich girl ignored by her parents and I liked this story well enough. I guess. The H/h fall in love quickly and it's just sturm n drang and lots of IL Ys for the next 300 pages.

While the writing is not eye-rapingly amateurish, it made the common rookie mistake of too much tell, not enough show. "We went on a date and had an interesting conversation" was written once too many times. It gave the books an overall passive voice and along with a rather weepy H/h (they are so broken, doncha know?), it wasn't quite my cuppa.

BTW, the main setting is NYC and the bk shows NONE of it's legendary, singular allure. It could have been set in Anywhere, USA and it wouldn't have made a difference. Also, as someone who deals with NYC real estate, I rolled my eyes at the H being able to afford a NYC apt, an artist studio, AND full-time NYU tuition all on a part-time bartender and artist's salary. WTFever.

And on a last note, while the typos weren't absolutely horrible, it could have done with some copy editing. It's a "well-heeled crowd", not "well-healed" to give an example.

Rating: 3

Jamie says

GREAT ending to Dane and Alex's story. I can't wait to read about Jade and Gwen. A bit predictable but still full of awesome yumminess. Still one of my fave New Adults this year. Well done, Lisa!!! Review to come in July :)

Sometimes, when an author tries to write a sequel to a great book, it doesn't work out so well. It suffers from a used story line or under developed characters or basic ennui. This is not one of those books. Glass Hearts is simply one of my favorite sequels of any New Adult book that I've read in the last year or so. The story, the characters and the writing style of Lisa De Jong all pull me in and make me beg for more.

Glass Hearts continues right where Plastic Hearts ends. Although back in one another's lives, Dane and Alex have a long way to go in trusting and believing in one another. This book explores whether or not love really is enough. If Plastic Hearts was Alex's story, then Glass Hearts definitely belongs to the super sexy Dane.

Having already dealt with Alex's personal issues in *Plastic Hearts*, we learn that Alex really did a number on Dane. Dane has an extremely difficult past that was touched on in the previous book. In *Glass Hearts*, De Jong delves into Dane's past and we see how Dane came to be the person that he is. We see the genesis of his trust and anger issues. We understand why he was once involved in illegal activities, and we understand why Dane feels that he needs to be the caretaker in the lives of those he loves.

Alex grows a lot in this book. She is fully aware of what she gave up for Dane, and knows that she is better off for it. Alex takes her new found freedom in stride, and we see her struggle with her new life. However, once she makes the decision to be with Dane, it's something that she will stick with, through thick and thin. Gone are the days of Alex running away, or shutting Dane out. Alex is ready and willing to fight for Dane. She is ready to take on Dane's family, his personal issues and his jealousy. For Alex, Dane is the person who completely changed her life, and she refuses to let him go.

Dane deals with various personal matters in this book. Dane's mother and his brother, Nolan, get more page time in this sequel. Dane's mother is racked with guilt - guilt from past occurrences that she cannot deal with. Nolan is a hot mess. He's been on a downward spiral for some time now, and Dane does everything in his power to help him out, even though Nolan isn't capable of appreciating it. There are many past grievances that Alex helps Dane deal with in this book, and time after time, Alex shows up to support Dane through his most difficult moments.

We meet a bar owner named Reid in this book that I bet we will see a lot more of down the line. Although it was obvious to me just who Reid is, I liked his part in this book. While he caused drama for Alex and Dane, Reid is a mysterious and brooding character that I can't wait to read more about. We get glimpses of Jade, Alex's best friend, too. Again, although it is clear what it going on with her health, De Jong sets Jade's book up beautifully. I love all of the characters in the *Hearts*-verse and can't wait to read more about them.

I don't know what it is about this series. The characters, the plot and the writing style of De Jong all work together to create one of my most favorite New Adult series. De Jong writes beautifully, creating characters with depth and emotion, yet are also believable and relateable. This is definitely an amazing sequel to *Plastic Hearts* and I can't wait to read more from this up and coming author.

Jennifer Kyle says

Review to come....

Great follow up to *Plastic Hearts*!

***Ritzrenee* says**

It was a really romantic, angst-y and fast-paced book! I enjoyed this book better than the first since it was not as rush and got me on my toes due to some mysterious encounters.

This sequel zooms right into the life of Alex and Dane cohabiting. Love was already in the air when I was flipping through the first few chapters ! Not only was Alex loved, I felt loved as well :)

“He’s not perfect, but he’s perfect for me”

Albeit Dane has forgiven Alex, there still exists a friction between them. Alex had left Dane previously, leaving him with a broken and distrustful heart. With just superficial issues, he makes reckless moves and uses hurtful words.

“She hurt me so much, but being with her is less painful than being without her.”

Of course, with friction there will be solutions. They need to smoothen the rough edges by being truthful to one another. Secrets does no good to anyone and deters people from progressing.

“...I like to think we have a little bit of darkness in the light. It will never be perfect but as long as I see her and prove to her every day that she holds my heart, we should always shine through.”

Despite all those crazy and jerk-ass moments, Dane is indeed a pronto-headed and smexy lover who demands absolute control of his girlfriend. Girl am I swooning now!

“Alex was never just my way to pass the time. I’m the first man who touched her, and I’m sure as hell going to be the last.”

Lesson learnt from this book :)

“Happiness isn’t something you just find yourself; someone has to breathe it into you. That’s why people who are lonely never seem happy.”

Amanda says

Tropes: 19

It’s a little black strapless dress that barely covers her ass. If I show up at the bar in anything like that, Dane will kill me after he drags me home and covers me up so no one else can see me.

Does this sound healthy to you? If the answer is yes, then this book will be right up your alley. However, if you find Dane's obsessive need to dictate what his girlfriend can and can't wear as well as Alex's reaction to it disturbing, this will not be your new favorite book.

I wasn't sure what *Glass Hearts* would be offering. The first book, which I read years ago, was fine. At least that's how I remember it. Maybe Dane was as possessive and creepy in it but I didn't see it. Either way, I'd hoped this book would offer some insight to his family and background. Alex's overbearing parents weren't exactly interesting in the first book, but Dane's past intrigued me. So when the first book ended on a cliffhanger, I was all for reading the second in hopes of learning more about Dane.

Did this book offer that? Yes, to a short extent. Dane's family plays a bigger role in the second book, but at the same time, it didn't get the attention it deserved. There is serious tension in the relationship between Dane

and his brother as well as both their respective relationships to their mother. This should have been the main focus of the book, not Dane and Alex's mundane struggles.

I've mentioned Dane's character a little, his possessive behavior. I did not mention the fact that he considers it his right to dictate what his girlfriend wears, even in her own home. He's turned into the standard New Adult hero, fully equipped with a dose of sexism, aggressiveness, and a penchant for violence. Boring. Recycled.

A disappointment, to say the least.

Athena says

What a fantastic sequel!

"I'm the man I want to be when I'm with you. I have never loved, and never been loved like I am when I'm with you." ~Dane

I just loved watching the growth of Dane and Alex's relationship in this amazing second book!

"Glass Hearts" picks up where "Plastic Hearts" left off. What is great about this book is that it shows you how Dane and Alex deal with living together, Dane's family, and other elements that relationships are tested with that makes this story realistic and believable!

What is also great is that Lisa sets up Jade (Alex's best friend) and Gwen's (Alex's sister) stories that equally sound interesting and I can't wait for those to be released.

This is a **must read** if you've already read Plastic Hearts!

Crystal says

Glass hearts was absolutely amazing! I really loved the writing style of the author and how she used it to bring her characters to life. I really wasn't sure that I would read this one when I completed Plastic Hearts, but I'm glad I ended up reading it. It was much better than the first one.

Dane Wright has to be one of the sexiest book boyfriends around. Seriously, his hotness just jumps right off the page and dazzles you. He's also imperfectly perfect. Dane is a very straightforward man whose been through a lot in his life. He tells people the truth and that's one of the things that I love him, but he's also got this sweet, sensitive, and somewhat innocent side to him. He's a complex male character, which I just loved! I felt like the readers really got to know him through this book and I loved it! I also like how the author discussed his addiction. She portrayed it in a very realistic way and I think her portrayal may help people understand the disease a little better.

As for Alexandra Riley....I'm still not in love with her. When I read the first book I just thought that she was a spoiled brat and I still feel that way for the most part, HOWEVER, her character does grow and mature a great deal. Don't get me wrong, she's still a little whiney, but she's also not the same weak woman she was in the first one. No, this time around she has the ability and power to stand up for herself and survive on her own two feet. She's finally become her own woman and I commend her for that. I grew to like her more this time around and was thrilled by her character development. She becomes the woman that Dane really needs in his life just like Dane's the type of man she needs in hers.

Overall, this book was an amazing read! The author is very talented and does a WONDERFUL job of bringing these characters to life:) I highly recommend this book (only to be read after you finish the first book: Plastic Hearts).

Kara says

This book is so dang honest. I love it.

It isn't full of kittens & rainbows. It shows the roller coaster of life. Happy & heartbreaking.

I'm also glad to see Jade & Gwen get their own books.

Lisa - you did it again! Keep on keeping on - your stories Rock!
